

NJ Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (CCR&Rs)

Atlantic County

Rutgers Southern Regional
CCR&R

Phone: (609) 365-5027

<https://www.rusouthernccrr.org/>

Bergen County

Bergen County Office
for Children

Phone: (201) 336-7150

<https://www.co.bergen.nj.us/division-of-office-for-children/about-office-for-children>

Burlington County

Burlington County CAP

Phone: (609) 386-5800

<http://www.bccap.org/>

Camden County

Camden County Department
of Children Services –
DiPiero Center

Phone: (856) 374-6376

<https://www.camdencounty.com/service/childrens-services/>

Cape May County

Rutgers Southern Regional
CCR&R

Phone: (609) 898-5500

<https://www.rusouthernccrr.org/>

Cumberland County

Rutgers Southern
Regional CCR&R

Phone: (856) 462-6800

Fax: (856) 462-6801

<https://www.rusouthernccrr.org/>

Essex County

Programs for Parents, Inc.

Phone: (973) 297-1114

<https://programsforparents.org/>

Gloucester County

Rutgers Southern Regional
CCR&R

Phone: ((856) 537-2322

<https://www.rusouthernccrr.org/>

Hudson County

Urban League of Hudson County

Phone: (201) 451-8888

<http://www.ulohc.org/programs/child-care/>

Hunterdon County

NORWESCAP Child & Family

Resource Services

Phone: (908) 782-8183

<https://norwescap.org/>

Mercer County

Child Care Connection

Phone: (609) 989-7770

<https://childcareconnection-nj.org/>

Middlesex County

Community Child Care Solutions

Phone: (732) 324-4357

<https://communitychildcaresolutions.org/>

Monmouth County

Child Care Resources

Phone: (732) 918-9901

<https://ccrnj.org/>

Morris County

Child & Family Resources

Phone: (973) 398-1730

<https://cfmorris.org/>

Ocean County

The Children's Home Society
of New Jersey

Phone: (732) 557-9633

<https://www.chsofnj.org/>

Passaic County

4Cs of Passaic County

Phone: (973) 684-1904, ext. 279

<https://www.4cspassaic.org/>

Salem County

Rutgers Southern
Regional CCR&R

Phone: (856) 469-6100

<https://www.rusouthernccrr.org/>

Somerset County

Community Child Care Solutions

Phone: (908) 927-0869

<https://communitychildcaresolutions.org/>

Sussex County

NORWESCAP Child & Family

Resource Services

Phone: (973) 383-3461

<https://norwescap.org/>

Union County

Community Coordinated
Child Care of Union County

Phone: (973) 923-1433

<https://www.cccunion.org/>

Warren County

NORWESCAP Child & Family

Resource Services

Phone: (908) 454-1078

<https://norwescap.org/>



NJ Infant Toddler Specialist Network

New Jersey

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A State-wide Infant/Toddler Initiative



Funded by the
New Jersey Department of Human Services,
Division of Family Development



What is the New Jersey Infant Toddler Specialist Network?

Infants and Toddlers in New Jersey:

- 302,936 infants and toddlers live in New Jersey families.
- 205,700 infants and toddlers (or nearly 70%) live in families where all parents work (either two-parent families or families headed by a single parent).
- A child's earliest years are when the brain is growing the fastest – laying a foundation for all future social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development.

The Infant Toddler Specialist Network

The NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development (DFD) funds the Infant Toddler Specialist Network through Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies serving every county.

Infant Toddler Specialists work with child care professionals (registered family child care providers and child care center staff) to:

- Strengthen the quality of infant and toddler care – to offer a setting that best promotes the healthy development of New Jersey's youngest children.
- Support age-appropriate activities and approaches to learning and child development
- Offer suggestions and strategies to meet common challenges
- Expand the availability of infant and toddler care in every community

Support through the Infant Toddler Specialist Network (ITSN) is FREE!

Working with infants and toddlers can be challenging. However, Infant Toddler Specialists can help. The Infant Toddler Specialists meet your needs in whatever way works for best for you.

The NJ Infant Toddler Specialist Network has two main goals:

- To improve the quality of Infant & Toddler care across the state
- To increase the availability of quality early care programs for families with infants and toddlers.

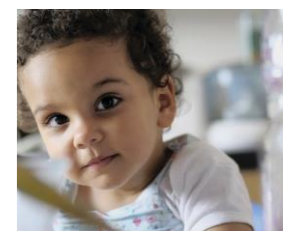
What services does the Infant Toddler Specialist Network provide?

- ✓ **Professional Development:** On-site in-person or virtual (through Zoom) topics are delivered by specialized trainers to present best practice standards in infant and toddler brain development. For those interested, you can earn an Infant and Toddler Certificate for completion of the ITSN initiative. You can also work on obtaining your Child Development Associate (CDA) credential. You may be eligible for scholarships through NJCCIS so that you can get your CDA for free! What's a CDA? Contact your local Child Care Resource & Referral Agency Infant Toddler Specialist to find out more!
- ✓ **Technical Assistance & Consultation:** The Infant Toddler Specialists will serve as mentors to new and experienced early educators. How does your program incorporate New Jersey's Birth to Three Early Learning Standards? Infant Toddler Specialists can help! Some of the services include: Zoom, telephone and on-site support, site observations, and collaboration with you to develop a plan that works best for you and the children in your care. Infant Toddler Specialists are experts about best practices based on current research.
- ✓ **Grow New Jersey Kids (GNJK).** Is your program part of Grow New Jersey Kids, the state child care quality and improvement system? If not, Infant Toddler Specialists and Quality Improvement Specialists within Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies can help you get ready to start the process. Did you know that child care centers and family child care homes that participate in GNJK receive higher subsidy payments based on their quality level? Quality care supports the healthy development of children and pays higher subsidy rates.
- ✓ **Resources and Materials.** Your local Child Care Resource & Referral Agency has a resource library where early care providers can access infant and toddler specific materials such as children's books, training materials (videos and DVDs) for staff development, curriculum guides and equipment for lending.

Through the Infant Toddler Specialist Network, you will have access to:

- Training, coaching and mentoring
- Learning space arrangement support
- Strategies for handling challenging behavior
- Infant & Toddler resources
- Quality development grants!
- Pre and post classroom/family child care home observations
- Support to meet your needs!

It takes a village! We're all in this together to support children & families.



ACHIEVING AND MAINTAINING HIGHER QUALITY

New Jersey's Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies are committed to developing a program that supports excellence in early care and education. Ongoing assessment and tracking of the activities associated with this initiative will enable the Infant Toddler Specialists to redesign and customize services offered, to focus on specific needs of infant and toddler early educators and to ensure high quality infant and toddler care sustainability.

Contact your local CCR&R agency today!
<https://www.childcarenj.gov/Parents/CCR>